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**FROM MR. VALENTINE CRAWFORD.**

JACOBS CREEK May 25th 1774

DEAR COLO

I Embrace this oppertunity by the Express that Coneley Sent to [the] governer to Let you Know all your Sarvents is well and None Run away

from Everey acounts Capt Coneley Can get from the Enden towns they are determed for ware and Coneley has Sent to all the inhabetance of Monongalah to Let them no there is a Large Numbr of the Shanee Indens Left there towns in order to Cut of[f] the fronteer Inhabetance which has Elarmed the people of our Neabourhood So Much that they are Moving over the Mountains verey fast but I have with the Esistance of Som of your Carpenters and Sarvents Built a verey Strong Block house and the Neabours what few of them are Not Run away is Joyynd Me and we are a building of a Stockade Fort att My House and Mr Simson and his Neabours is begun to Build a fort att the your Botom and we Live in hopes that we Can Stand our ground tell we Can get Som Esistance from below I Expect My Son back Everey our from you with orders what I must doe tell then I am Much att a Loss what to doe with your people and goods I[n] Case I am oblige to Move what Must [I] doe with your Nails and goods as it will be hard to get Carages to bring them over the Mountains again So I shall be glad you will Send Me a letter by the Express as I

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Expect you will Rec[ei]ve this in Williamsburg and with<sup>1</sup> have an oppertunity to Send Me back an answer Emedently by the Express who Careys this and if any thing More occurs you Can write Me Sence the Letters I Sent you by My Son So I am your

Most Hble Sert VALE: CRAWFORD

<sup>1</sup> will.